

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. RES. 240

To support the goals and ideals of Professional Social Work Month and
World Social Work Day.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 12, 2009

Ms. SHEA-PORTER (for herself, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania, Mr. YARMUTH, Mr. COHEN, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. FILNER, Mr. MOORE of Kansas, Mr. LOEBSACK, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. McDERMOTT, Ms. HIRONO, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Mrs. DAHLKEMPER, Mr. BARROW, Mr. MITCHELL, Ms. TSONGAS, Ms. MATSUI, Mr. COURTNEY, Mr. HARE, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. JONES, Mr. BROWN of South Carolina, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Ms. SUTTON, and Mr. RODRIGUEZ) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

RESOLUTION

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Month and World Social Work Day.

Whereas social workers have the demonstrated education and
experience to guide individuals, families, and communities
through complex issues and choices;

Whereas social workers help people in all stages of life, from
children to the elderly, and in all situations from adop-
tion to hospice care;

Whereas social workers are in schools, courtrooms, drug clinics, hospitals, senior centers, shelters, nursing homes, the military, disaster relief, prisons, and corporations;

Whereas social workers are dedicated to improving the society in which we live and connecting individuals, families, and communities to available resources;

Whereas social workers stand up for others to make sure everyone has access to the same basic rights, protections, and opportunities;

Whereas social workers, such as Harry Hopkins, Frances Perkins, Whitney M. Young, Jr., and Dr. Dorothy I. Height have been the driving force behind important social movements in the United States and abroad;

Whereas the need for social workers is expected to grow twice as fast as any other occupation, especially in gerontology, home health care, substance abuse, private social service agencies, and school social work;

Whereas Professional Social Work Month and World Social Work Day, which is March 17, 2009, will build awareness of the role of professional social workers and their commitment and dedication to individuals, families, and communities everywhere through service delivery, research, education, and legislative advocacy; and

Whereas the 2009 Social Work Month theme—Social Work: Purpose and Possibility—highlights the special characteristics of those who choose social work as a profession, and underscores the goals of their work: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

1 (1) supports the goals and ideals of Profes-
2 sional Social Work Month and World Social Work
3 Day;

4 (2) acknowledges the diligent efforts of individ-
5 uals and groups who promote the importance of so-
6 cial work and who are observing Professional Social
7 Work Month and World Social Work Day;

8 (3) encourages the American people to engage
9 in appropriate ceremonies and activities to further
10 promote awareness of the life-changing role of social
11 workers;

12 (4) recognizes with gratitude the contributions
13 of the millions of caring individuals who have chosen
14 to serve their communities through social work; and

15 (5) encourages young people to seek out edu-
16 cational and professional opportunities to become so-
17 cial workers.

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